

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) A bottom lifting baseloid handling package for a large household appliance having a cabinet with a top and a bottom, the package comprising:

a bottom member for enclosing a bottom portion of the appliance, the bottom member comprising a rear panel adjacent a side of the appliance and having a top edge and a baseloid flange extending downward from the top edge of the rear panel for accommodating a baseloid lift blade;

~~The package of claim 1 wherein the product is an appliance having a cabinet and a console extending above a top surface of the cabinet, and wherein the baseloid flange is located below the top of the cabinet at a location that enables the package to be lifted by the bottom member below the cabinet top surface.~~

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A bottom lifting baseloid handling package for holding a four-sided product, the package comprising:

a bottom member for enclosing a bottom portion of the product, the bottom member comprising a rear panel adjacent a side of the product and having a top edge and a baseloid flange extending downward from the top edge of the rear panel for accommodating a baseloid lift blade, side panels extending perpendicularly forward from the rear panel, and a front panel extending perpendicularly from the side panels

~~The package of claim 3 wherein each bottom member side panel has a top edge extending diagonally downward from the top edge of the rear panel to the front panel.~~

5. (original) The package of claim 4 wherein each side panel is trapezoidal.

6. (currently amended) The package of claim 3 ~~4~~ wherein the bottom member further comprises a plurality of bottom flaps that extend under the product to form a package bottom.

7. (original) The package of claim 6 wherein one bottom flap is joined to a lower edge of the rear panel, opposing bottom flaps are joined to lower edges of the side panels, and fourth bottom flap is joined to a lower edge of the front panel.
8. (currently amended) The package of claim ~~2~~ 4 wherein the baseloid flange comprises an upper edge panel extending substantially horizontally from the rear panel, an outer panel extending vertically downward from the upper edge panel, a lower edge panel extending horizontally inward from the outer panel, and an inner panel extending vertically upward so that it is adjacent to the outer panel and interposed between the outer panel and the rear panel.
9. (currently amended) The package of claim ~~1~~ 4 wherein the bottom member is formed from corrugated board.
10. (currently amended ~~1~~) The package of claim ~~1~~ 4 wherein the bottom member is formed from solid fiberboard.
11. (currently amended) The package of claim ~~1~~ 4 further comprising:
 - a top cap; and
 - corner posts extending vertically between the top cap and the bottom member and having upper ends fitted under the top cap and lower ends interposed between the product and the bottom member.
12. (original) The package of claim 11 wherein the top cap, bottom member and corner posts form an enclosure having open sides that allow the packaged product to be viewed.
13. (original) The package of claim 11 further comprising a transparent bag draped over the product.
14. (original) The package of claim 11 further comprising a horizontal retaining band urging the baseloid flange toward the rear panel.

15. (original) The package of claim 11 wherein the top cap comprises a center panel and front, rear and side panels extending downward from the periphery of the center panel.

16. (new) A package for a large household appliance having a cabinet with a top surface, the package comprising:

a bottom member for enclosing a bottom portion of the appliance, the bottom member comprising an upwardly extending rear panel terminating in a top edge located below the top of the appliance cabinet; and

a baseloid flange extending downward from the rear panel top edge for accommodating a baseloid lift blade.

17. (new) The package of claim 16 wherein the bottom member further comprises side panels, each side panel extending forward from the rear panel to a front edge and having a top edge that extends diagonally downward from the rear panel top edge to a front corner, thereby exposing part of the appliance, and a front panel extending between the side panel front edges.

18. (new) The package of claim 16 wherein each side panel is trapezoidal.